ENTERPRISE OPEN MEETING

LOOE SAILING CLUB

October 3rd -4th 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS V1

1 RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing.*

1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the Sailing Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the first signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19.00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1

RACE / Event	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Race 1	Saturday 3rd Oct	Warning Signal 12:25	Looe Bay
Race 2	Saturday 3rd Oct	Back to back	Looe Bay
Race 3	Saturday 3rd Oct	Back to back	Looe Bay
Evening Oktoberfest	Saturday 3rd Oct		Looe S.C.
Race 4	Sunday 4th Oct	Warning Signal 10:55	Looe Bay
Race 5	Sunday 4th Oct	Back to back	Looe Bay
Final Prize Giving	Sunday 4th Oct	After Racing Completes	Looe S.C.

4.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed, initially with a sound signal, for at least 4 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

4.3 On the last day of the Regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00

5 CLASS FLAGS

The Enterprise class warning signal will be Code Flag Alphabet E

6 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in Looe Bay. A chart of this area will appear in the Club house.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The diagrams in Appendix B show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2 No later than the warning signal, the committee boat will display the course configuration and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg

8 MARKS

8.1 Course marks, will be cylindrical yellow inflatable buoys.

8.2 The Spacer Mark (SM) will be a round inflatable orange buoy.

8.2 Start and finishing marks will be a small buoy with a yellow flag

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line will be between the committee boat mast displaying an orange flag at the starboard end of the start line and the yellow flag mark at the port end of the start line.

9.3 The committee boats at the starting line may hold station using engines.

9.4 Classes will start at 4 minute intervals, A classes warning signal will coincide with the preceding classes 1 minute signal unless the first class to start.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a Blue flag, aboard a committee boat and the finishing mark, which will be a yellow flag mark.

10.2 The committee boat at the finishing line may hold stations using engines.

10.3 At the discretion of the Race Officer, a tail-ender who has lost contact with the body of the fleet may be told on the water, towards the end of the race, that they need not complete that lap, but may return to the starting area for the start of the next back-to-back race. An appropriate position will be recorded. Failure to take advantage of this provision may result in the next race being started before that competitor has returned to the starting area. SI 13 alters Rule 35.

11 TIME LIMIT -

11.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 mins from the starting signal

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS –

12.1 A protesting boat shall inform the committee boat immediately after finishing.

12.2 Protest time limit. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, unless the protest or race committee extend this limit.

TIME AND PLACE OF HEARINGS
WILL BE POSTED ON THE RACE NOTICEBOARD

13 SCORING:

The low point system of appendix A (Scoring) will apply with 1 discard if 3 races or more races are completed.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 Competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or equipment, whilst afloat. Inflatable buoyancy vests are not permitted

14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on the committee boat, other race committee/rescue boats, as soon as possible.

15 RUBBISH DISPOSAL – Boats shall not put rubbish into the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race Committee boats.

16 **RISK STATEMENT**

16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states:
"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

16.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
(b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
(c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
(d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
(e) provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

16.3 The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Sailing Instructions.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million (three million pounds) per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall sign a declaration to that effect at registration. Insurance is the sole responsibility of the competitors.

APPENDIX A: Tide Times

DAY	HIGH WATER	HEIGHT (metres)	LOW WATER	HEIGHT (metres)
3/10/2024	10:41	4.6	16:58	1.8
4/10/2024	11:52	4..3	18:22	2.1

TIDAL INFORMATION - LOOE BAY

The normal tide run off for this part of the coast does not exceed 1 (one) knot and during neap tides it is more likely to be in the region of ½ knot. However, owing to the geography of Looe Bay, the east/west tidal stream of the main channel is locally modified.

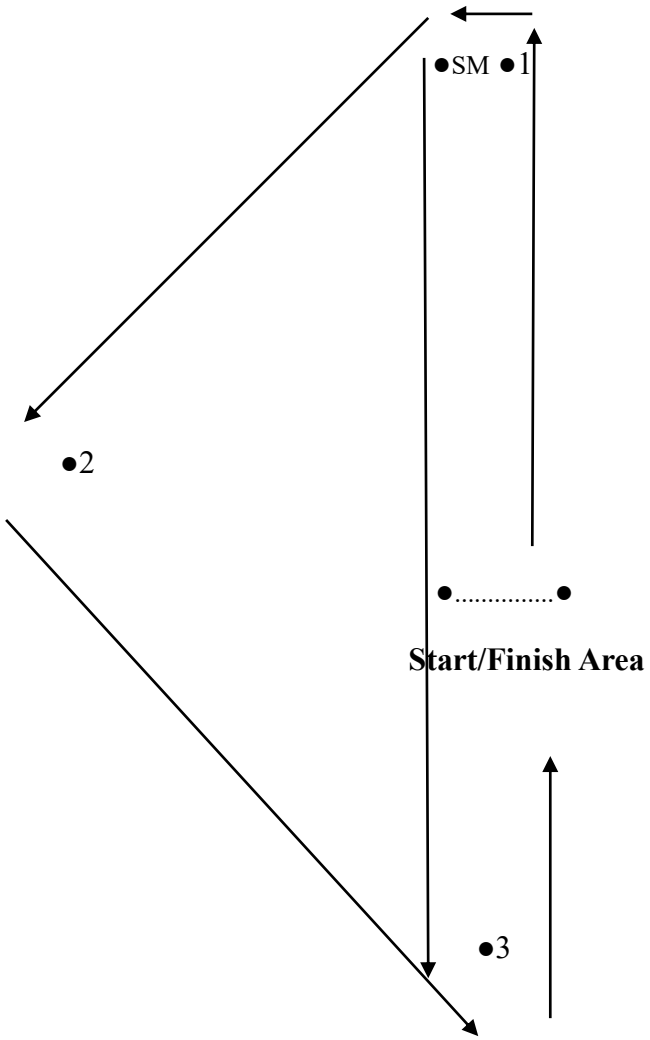
The flooding tide will run up the channel from west to east and tends to curl in around the point of the Island (The Rannies) and run towards the mouth of the harbour and thenceforth following the shape of the land. There will also be some funnelling effect between the Island and the mainland. During the Spring Tides the resulting current is at its greatest in the immediate vicinity of The Rannies, and whereas tidal flow close to the shore is not as great as in the main channel - near The Rannies it may exceed ¾ knot.

High tide at Looe occurs 3 hours before the main tidal stream, consequently the early ebb from Looe Harbour will be affected by the still flooding easterly tide of the channel. The result of this is that the ebbing tide from the harbour will not immediately turn west at the harbour mouth. At half ebb springs the current in the confines of the harbour may reach 3 knots, but this soon reduces as it spills into the bay. At half ebb (at Looe) the channel stream now turns westerly and the harbour stream runs first east-south-east and thence towards the tip of the Island where the 2 streams combine to increase the rate in the vicinity of The Rannies. During bad weather a small race may develop with the wind against the

tide. The Island can be seen to produce a partially circulatory tidal stream (albeit or modest rate except near The Rannies rocks) in the immediate vicinity of Looe Bay.

Appendix B: Courses

Courses:

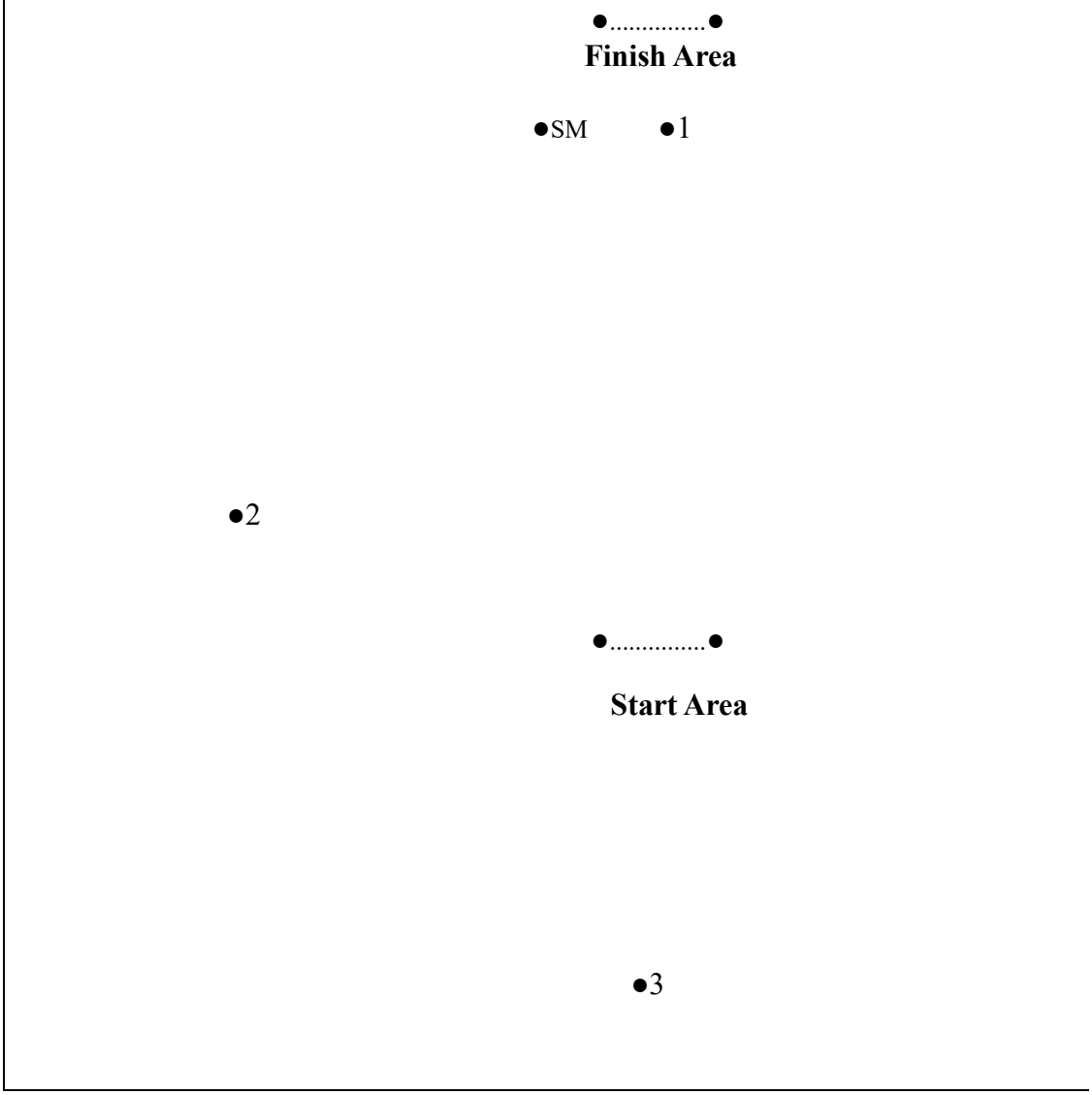


TS2	**Start – 1 – SM – 2 - 3 - 1 – SM – 3 – finish**
TS3	**Start – 1 – SM – 2 - 3 - 1 – SM – 3 –1 – SM – 2 - 3 finish**
TS4	**Start – 1 – SM – 2 - 3 - 1 – SM – 3 –1 – SM – 2 – 3 - 1 – SM – 3 – finish**
ST2	**Start – 1 – SM – 3 – 1 – SM – 2 – 3 – finish**
ST3	**Start – 1 – SM – 3 – 1 – SM – 2 – 3 – 1 – SM – 3 – finish**
ST4	**Start – 1 – SM – 3 – 1 – SM – 2 – 3 – 1 – SM – 3 – 1 – SM – 2 – 3 – finish**

The Start and finish line is not a gate when not in use as a start or finish line

Where W is added to the signaled course the windward finish line will be used:

Course layout with a windward finish



The diagrams do not indicate the angles between the legs, or the leg lengths